

Kensington

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Wednesday

Dear Tom

Yesterday morning, as I was walking up a street in Pimlico, I came upon a crowd of little persons issuing from a narrow alley. Ever so many little people there were streaming through a wicket; running children, shouting children, loitering children, chattering children, and children spinning tops by the way, so that the whole street was awakened by the pleasant childish clatter. As I stand for an instant to see the ~~the~~ procession pass, one little girl pops me an impromptu curtsy, and w^t another from a distant quarter, not behind hand in politeness, pops me another; and presently quite an irregular little volley of curtsies goes off in every direction. Then I blandly enquire if school is over? and if there is anybody left in the house? A little brown-eyes nods her head, and says, "There's a good many people left in the house." And so there are, more enough, as I find when I get in.

The kind, motherly schoolmistress who brings me in to the school-room, tells me that, for a shilling, half-a-dozen little boys and girls can be treated to a wholesome meal. I wonder if it smells as good to them as it does to me, when I pull my shilling out of my pocket? Look here, Tom, you and species truly what will come - go - together. I'll tell you more when I see you. I shall call before Sunday.

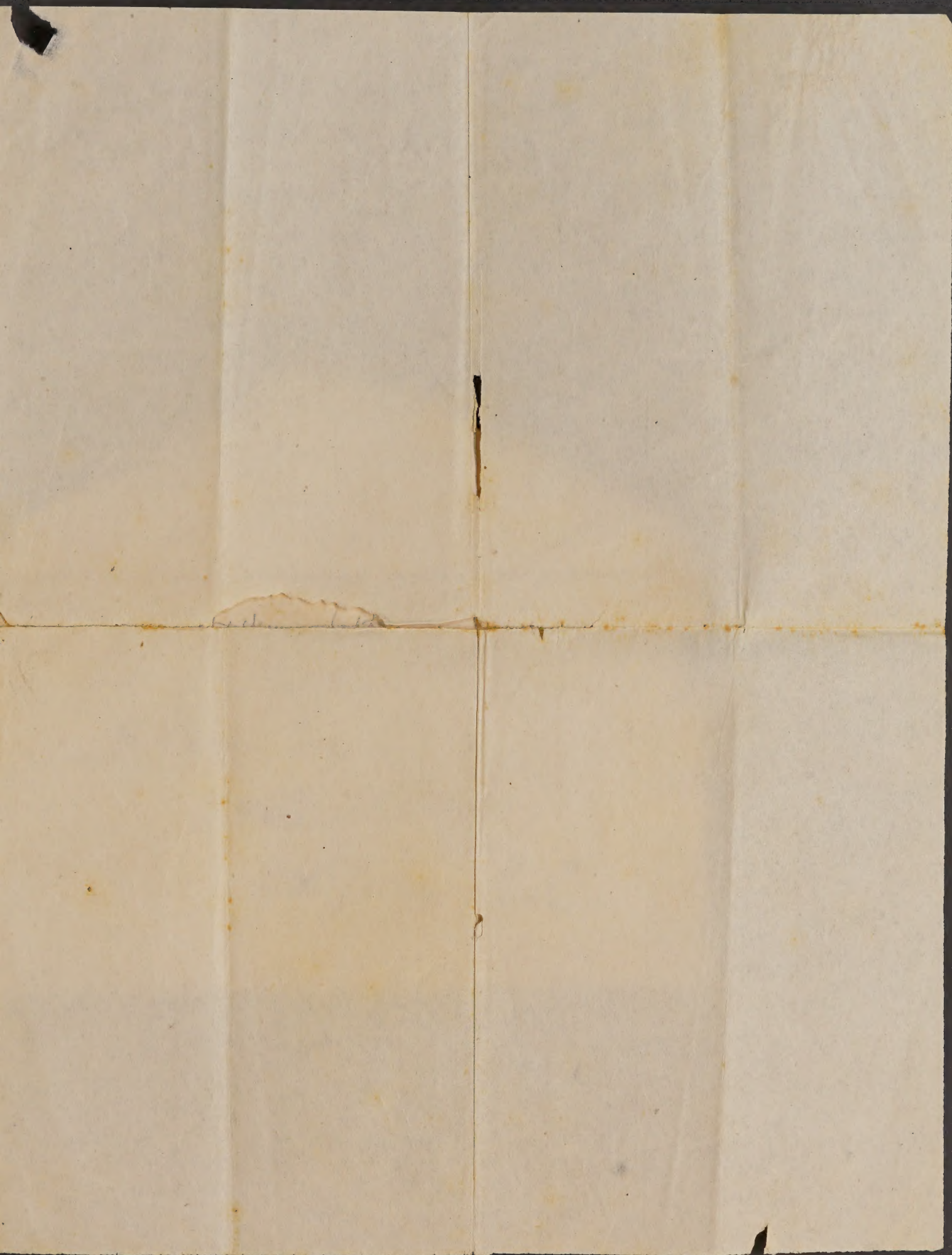
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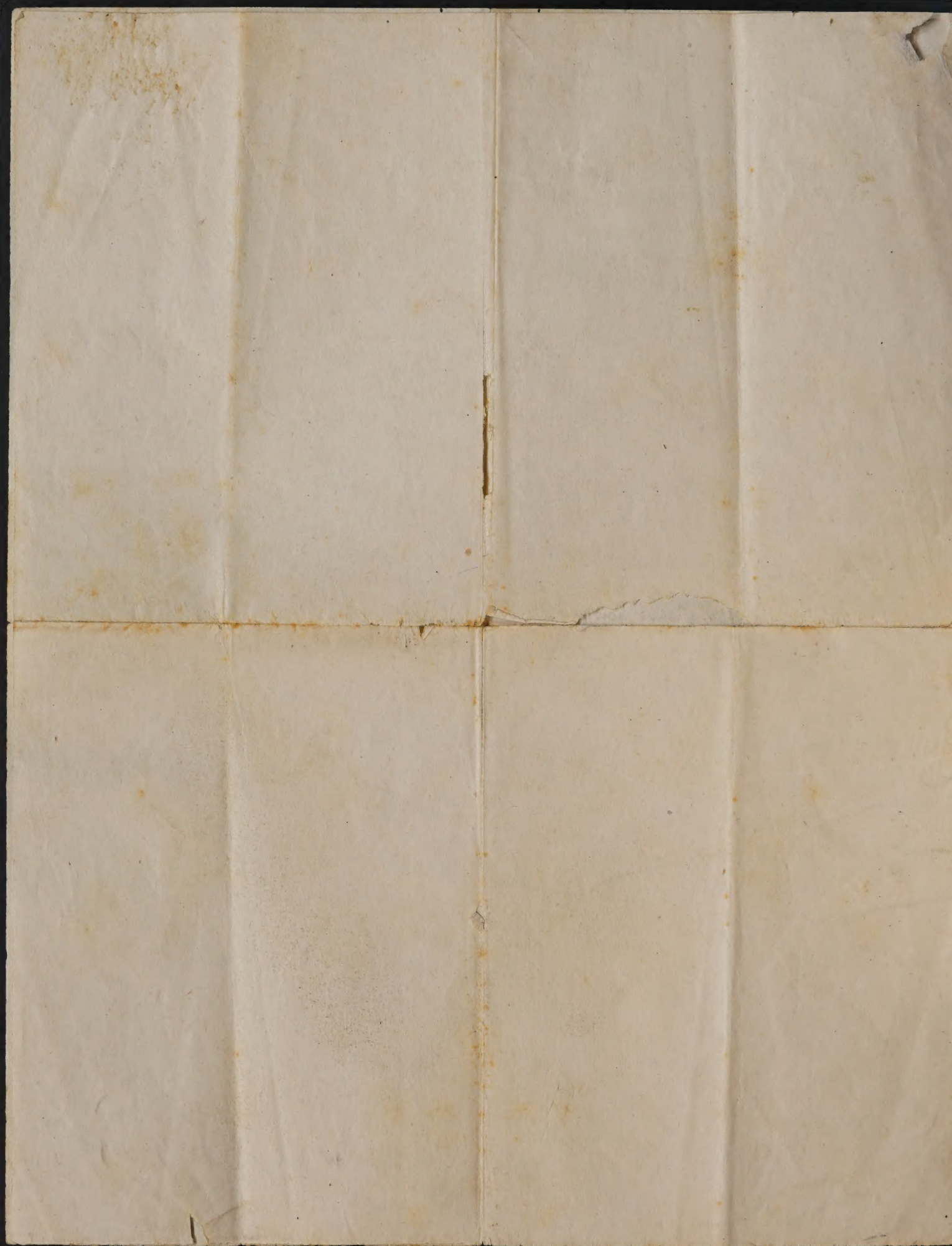
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Thomas Grant, Esq.,

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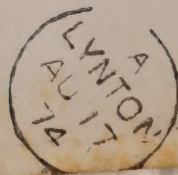
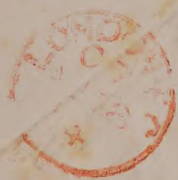
Letting in New Ritchie the danger

H. Pym. Esq.

3. Frederick's Place.

Old Jewry. E.C.

I have this one with
me. The others are at
home. art.



OCCASIONAL NOTES.

At last we are permitted to hope that the Wellington monument will be completed in our times. Lord Henry Lennox was able last night to reply to Mr. Goldsmid in such a manner as to awaken some hope of this, even in the minds of the most desponding. The enterprising Mr. Collman, who undertook to get Mr. Stephens to complete the performance of his contract, did not indeed succeed in his Quixotic attempt, but, more wonderful still, Mr. Stephens himself has actually begun to complete the performance of his contract of his own accord. When Lord Henry Lennox came into office there remained to be completed the two side groups, and last, but not least, the "recumbent figure of the illustrious hero in whose honour the monument was erected. Neither of these parts had advanced during the previous two years in any perceptible degree, and if the execution of that monument had continued to proceed at the same rate, probably none of the members of the present House of Commons would have lived to see its completion. Now, however, he was glad to say that the recumbent figure was, he

JUNE 26, 1874.]

PALL MALL GAZETTE.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

SPURIOUS AUTOGRAPHS OF MR. THACKERAY.

To the EDITOR of the PALL MALL GAZETTE.

SIR,—It has recently come to my knowledge, by the kindness of a friend, that letters and manuscripts are being frequently offered for sale as autographs of my father. Some which I have seen are rather clumsy forgeries; but they were sufficiently well executed to impose upon persons already familiar with my father's handwriting. May I therefore beg you to publish this letter, in order to check a fraud which might incidentally be injurious to my father's memory? In one case a letter attributed to him had been manufactured by copying a fragment from a magazine article *not* written by him, and appending his signature; and I should much regret that correspondence so compiled should be attributed to him.—Yours obediently,

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to Dr. Wm. C. Aldrich

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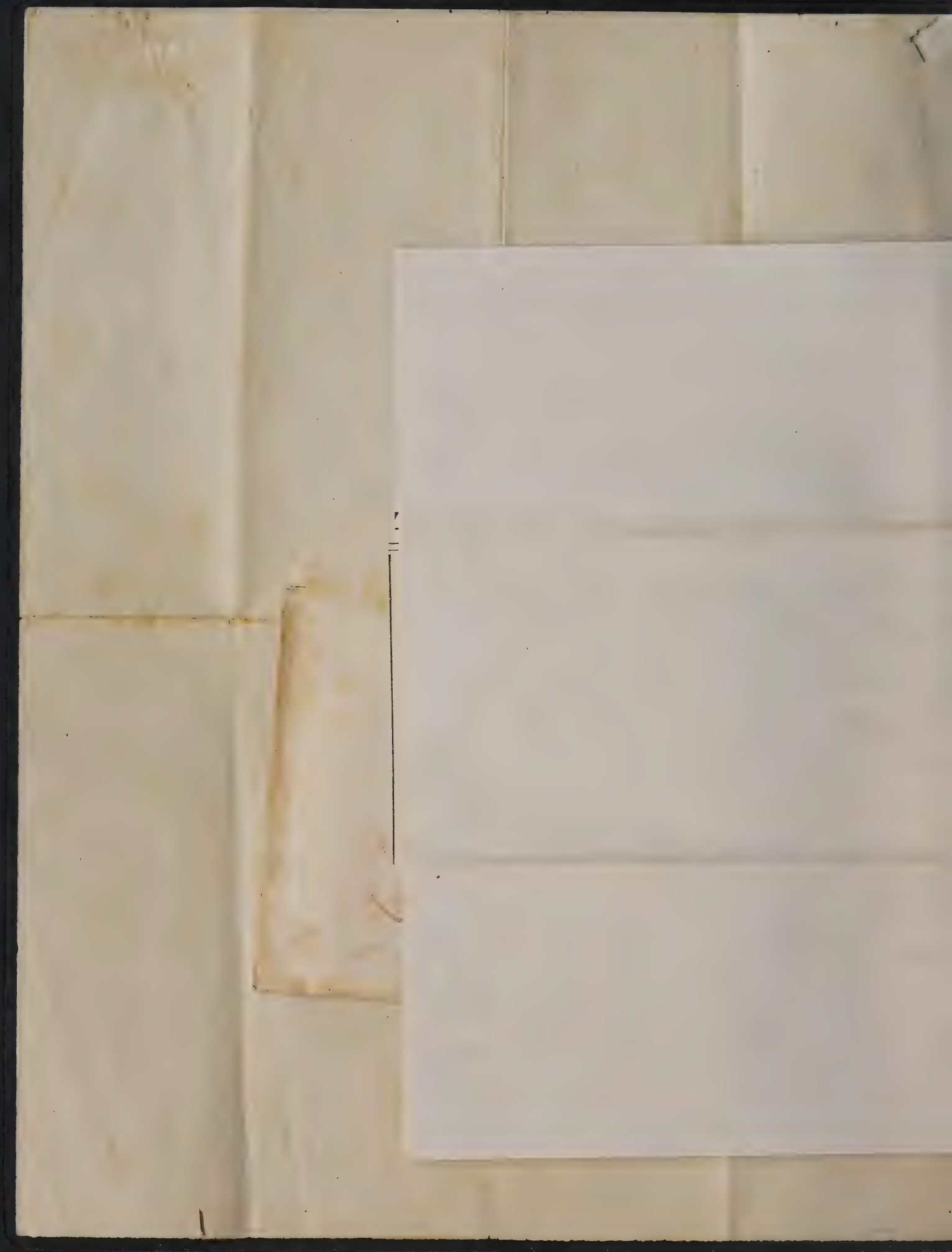
Bookseller's Row
Strand W.C
19. June 1870

Dear Sir,

It was my intention to have called on you today, but was not able to do so, there being two new novels out today.

I bought the letter of Messrs. Frank & William Herslake, most respectable young men in business at No. 13 in this Street.

On my first visit ^{to them} respecting the matter, I saw William Herslake who treated the matter in a way I did not like; but



I am sure I have
not forgotten & I
think you must
also remember of
kindness long ago
about ^{some of} my Father's
letters, or rather
some forged letters
W. were not my

I allude to the Pale Mall
table's published ^{as his} ~~an~~ two
odious vulgar
improbable things
which I wrote
about, & of w. they
showed me the
originals - I send
a specimen (w.
please return) -
This letter & various
others were bought

at Walfords in the
Strand - Can you
remember where
you bought those
you showed us &
will you forgive
my troubling you
in this way.

The Pall Mall
has not printed
my ^{of my reasonable remonstrance} letters, except

as a male invoice
note in an unobtrusive
corner - The letter
I enclose is as you
will be dated
Kearnsport W. 1849
& W, came in, in /58

I was so favored to
hear thro' Lady
Pear of all the
anxiety you &
Mrs Pym have